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Post-War Policy

BROADSTAIRS LOOKS AHEAD

Broadstairs is not to be behind when it comes to the question of post-war reconstruction.

The report of the General Purposes Committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Monday, stated that the suggestion that a sub-committee or a special committee of the Council should be appointed to report upon the policy of post-war development was considered, but it was decided not to take any action in the matter at the present time.

The members of the Council, however, reversed this decision and appointed a committee consisting of Councillors F. Foster, H. Bing, F. J. Malpress and O. Robinson, together with the Chairman of the Council (Councillor B. J. Pearson) as an ex-officio member.

OFFICIALS AND THEIR CARS

Recommendations made by a sub-committee regarding car allowances for officials will be submitted to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

The sub-committee were satisfied that the efficient administration of the many and varied activities of the Corporation in war-time would be seriously affected if the officials who have hitherto used their own cars for official purposes ceased to do so, particularly in view of the fact that local bus and train services have been drastically curtailed and that taxis are not readily obtainable.

They were also impressed by the use which the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer have made of their cars in finding accommodation for bombed-out persons who have thereby been re-housed much more quickly than would otherwise have been the case.

Among the recommendations are that the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer, who have hitherto received no grant, should be given a car allowance of £75 each a year.

DECORATED BY THE KING

LIEUT.-COMMDR. L. B. PHILPOTT, D.S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Philpott, of Bournemouth, who formerly resided in Broadstairs for many years, attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace when the King conferred the Distinguished Service Cross on their son, Lieut.-Commdr. L. B. Philpott, R.N.R., an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate.

As previously reported in the Thanet Advertiser & Echo, the award to Lieut.-Commdr. Philpott was made over a year ago for his readiness and resource in the capture of enemy ships.

UNLUCKY COUNCILLOR

FINED IN SPITE OF BEST BLACK-OUT

A member of Ramsgate Town Council, who was stated by a police officer to have at his house the best black-out arrangements he had seen, was fined £1 at the borough police court on Monday for permitting a light to show on the evening of 21st November.

Defendant was Councillor Percy Turner, of Ellington-road.

P/S Buddle said that at 8.20 p.m. on 21st November he saw a bright flickering light shining through the panels and fanlight of the front door of defendant's house. He entered the premises through an insecure window and found the light was coming from a large coal fire in the front room. The door leading to the room was provided with a black-out curtain but this door and the door in the passage had been left open. He later saw defendant, who said he left the house with his wife at 6.30 p.m. and was under the impression the doors were closed.

In reply to defendant, witness said the black-out in the house was extremely good. It was the best he had seen.

Councillor Turner said it was a case which would not occur again in a hundred years. He was expecting his daughter home but the fire burned up before she arrived and was reflected through the door.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said that in view of the fact that the house was properly blacked-out and the light was allowed to show through inadvertence, the usual fine of £2 would be reduced by 50 per cent.—to £1.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day ...	5.24 p.m.—8.16 a.m.
Wednesday .	5.24 p.m.—8.17 a.m.
Thursday ...	5.24 p.m.—8.18 a.m.

POSTMAN FOUND GASSED

AFTER SPENDING NIGHT IN CRYPT

After spending the night in the crypt of St. George's Church, a Ramsgate postman was found dead in the gas-filled scullery of his home on Monday morning.

Following their usual custom, Mr. William George Bull and his wife, of 40 Church-road, Ramsgate, went to the air raid shelter in the crypt of St. George's Church on Sunday night.

Mr. Bull left the crypt at about 4 a.m. to prepare for work. Shortly before seven o'clock his wife returned to their home in Church-road and noticed a smell of gas. As she could not gain entrance to the scullery she called the police.

When police officers arrived at the house they forced an entry into the scullery and found Mr. Bull lying dead on the floor with his head in the gas oven. The room was full of gas.

Mr. Bull, who was 59 years of age, had been employed in the postal service at Ramsgate, first as telegraph boy and then as postman, for 43 years. Wounded in the last war, he had twice been bombed out of home in this war.

An inquest into the circumstances surrounding the tragedy is being held this afternoon.

DISLIKED ARMY

RAMSGATE SOLDIER SENT TO OLD BAILEY

William Frost, 21, a private in the Army, whose home is at Ramsgate, was sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court in January when he appeared before the Cinque Ports magistrates at Margate, on Monday, charged with entering an unoccupied Broadstairs house damaged by enemy action and stealing a tin of baked beans, the property of Major T. A. Moss, of Seacroft, Rosemary-gardens.

Mr. Eric Weale, prosecuting, said the house had been damaged to such an extent that it was uninhabitable.

When interviewed on 8th November at Ramsgate police station where he was awaiting an escort after being charged as an absentee, Frost was stated to have said to D/C Self "Look, sir, I want to get out of the Army. I did a job on you at Broadstairs."

At Broadstairs police station he stated that he broke a window with his catapult, replaced the shutter, locked himself in the house and slept rough. When charged with storebreaking he said "That's right." When charged later with looting he replied "That's more serious, isn't it? I ought to get three years."

Frost was stated to have given the police every assistance.

HUSBAND ACQUITTED

WIFE BOUND OVER

An extraordinary story was unfolded at the Cinque Ports police court at Margate on Monday when Henry Frost, aged 25, labourer, and his wife, Violet Elizabeth Frost, aged 26, of West Dumpton-lane, Ramsgate, pleaded not guilty to stealing a quantity of tea, a pillow case and other articles to the value of £6 18s. 6d., the property of Mrs. Muriel Tattam, of Dove Cottage, Park-avenue, Broadstairs.

They also pleaded not guilty to a charge of receiving the articles, knowing them to have been stolen.

Frost was found not guilty on both charges and his wife was bound over for two years on the charge of receiving.

Mr. Eric Weale, who prosecuted, said between June and December, 1940, Dove Cottage was broken into and the articles stolen included 12 tins of food. A man named Hammond was convicted for the offence. The food was returned to Dove Cottage and then disappeared a second time. When executing a search warrant at Rose Bungalow, West Dumpton-lane, where the Frosts were living, on 17th June, D/C Self, whose memory was very vivid, saw some tins of food, and a pillow case marked with the name "Tattam" containing several pounds of tea. At the time the officer had no reason to think the things were stolen.

On 3rd July, when it was reported to the police that Dove Cottage had again been entered, D/C Self went to the Frosts' home but none of the articles seen on his previous visit were to be found.

When questioned, Mrs. Frost handed the officer a pillow case and a tin containing about four pounds of tea. She at first said she had been buying the tea over a long period but later said when she came home one night she found the tins of food and the pillow case containing the tea on the kitchen table. When the husband was arrested he denied all knowledge of the matter.

The Chairman (Mr. J. H. Millar) said Mrs. Frost was being dealt with leniently as she had three young children.

Save ALL Paper. It is a munition of war

IMPRESSED BY RUSSIA

Capt. Balfour's Tribute

FIGHTING ON BRAVELY UNTIL VICTORY

Grim days lie yet ahead of us but with American aid and the gallant fight being put up by our Russian allies the dawn of victory can be seen breaking on the far horizon.

Having seen something of the war effort in the vast countries of Russia, and then America, Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, thus summarised our prospects when he addressed some of his constituents at Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, on Saturday.

The Under-Secretary can probably claim to be the most travelled member of the Government since the outbreak of war, and the fact that he looks so fit and well proves that he is right on top of his most important job.

Capt. Balfour visited Thanet to consult with representatives of the three towns on the subject of war damage contributions.

Following the conference members of the Councils, together with officials, gathered at short notice at Pierremont Hall to hear at first hand from Capt. Balfour an account of his visit to Russia as a member of the British Mission.

Councillor B. J. Pearson, Chairman of Broadstairs Council, presided, and was supported by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare).

Councillor Pearson said since they last saw Capt. Balfour he had travelled many thousands of miles in connection with his duties at the Air Ministry. They were delighted to see him back, fit and well, and ready to carry on.

Common Fight Against Common Enemy.

Capt. Balfour said whenever pressure of work seemed unduly high he always reminded himself that one was very lucky indeed if one had a job which was assisting the fellows who were doing the work—the soldiers, the sailors and the airmen.

Through the Arctic Sea and across the Atlantic Ocean, within the space of a few weeks he had looked on the war effort of Russia and then seen the essential and bountiful aid coming to them from the U.S.A. Since the beginning of the war he had crossed the Atlantic seven times.

"Though I sit in Parliament as National Conservative member for the Isle of Thanet, traditionally a Tory seat," said Capt. Balfour, "yet I have dined with Stalin in the Kremlin and I am proud to have touched glasses with him in a toast to our two Air Forces and their common fight against the common enemy. Though I abhor the political doctrines of Communism, yet I have met Soviet Commissars in negotiation and we have found common agreement.

"To-day anyone who kills Germans is my best friend, and the Russians are killing untold Germans, and themselves dying bravely for their land."

Hitler Made the Same Mistake.

All of them, experts included, misjudged badly the Russian strength of arms. Their only excuse could be that Hitler did likewise. Memory of shared trials, and of those who had laid down their lives in the one fight against aggression would, he hoped, ensure more understanding and toleration between them in the post-war world. **The shape of things to come must be such that old spites, past wounds and scars were wiped off the surface of the earth—for only thus could they lay the foundations which would make impossible a third repetition of the tragedy they had seen twice in their time.**

"The chief impression left with me of Stalin, his Government and his capital," continued Capt. Balfour, "is the fixed certainty that whether things go well or badly on the eastern front—whether or not Moscow is eventually captured—Russia will fight on bravely until victory."

After giving some interesting and amusing personal reminiscences of his visit, Capt. Balfour said the British Mission went to give help to Russia. They had promised much assistance of every kind, and this could only be given at a cost of surrender of important and needed supplies for themselves. But our people showed clearly that this was a sacrifice they were glad to make, and their factories shouted out that they were determined to make up for what they were handing over.

Doing a Great Job.

He was sure that the Russians would put to good use those aircraft sent them from U.S.A. and Britain. Workers in the factories in this country felt justly proud of the Royal Air Force who used their products; and so could they feel with equal confidence about the Soviet airmen. The Russians were splendid technicians. They erected our modern fighters in a few hours, working in exposed conditions without thought of rest or food. Those Russian mechanics did a great job. Their pilots flew these aircraft without difficulty and off an aerodrome built in some 30 days. It was unorthodox to build an aerodrome in so short a space of time. It might shock the conventional outlook that an aerodrome must take months to build, but the thing that mattered was that the aerodrome worked and did its job.

Russia was a vast country, with the disadvantage of thin communications of telegraph, telephone, road and rail. But after all both sides fighting on Russian soil would have to face the same conditions. If both sides were using modern air equipment, was it not likely that those born there, and who had lived, fought and died always contesting difficulties and limitations imposed by nature, would get the better use out of their equipment than a force accustomed to the luxury of air operations from well-equipped and settled bases in Germany and northern Europe?

Formidable Equipment.

Russian air equipment was formidable. At one factory he saw a vast number of fighters in various stages of final assembly. They were different aircraft from ours, but were good aircraft all the same, and peculiarly suitable for the Russian needs. Their factory, machine-tools, their heat treatment, their technical processes, were efficient and modern. Their engineers knew their jobs. Their men and women workers, like ours, were working all out. From the British factories rose the cry "Aid for Russia." As he walked through this factory he had one sentence of a Russian worker translated to him. It was "Aid to Britain." Surely the real answer was "Joint aid for the downfall of Hitler and his gangsters."

Capt. Balfour said he left Russia heartened and cheered by what he had seen and felt from their people. He left impressed by their engineering ability and by the quality of their equipment. But more than this, by the sense one felt that the Russian would fight for his country to the last—and that the last should be their common victory.

Stream of Help.

Four days in England, and then across to America. In America he met good friends who were ensuring that the stream of help from the United States factories should pour in ever-increasing quantities and should be transported under the protective cloak of the United States Naval escorts.

"We need all the help the U.S.A. can give us," said Capt. Balfour, "for though we are a tough people I believe we shall be called upon to show that we are far tougher still before we are through with Herr Hitler. **In the dark days of 1940, when the Battle of Britain was fought and won above our heads, we had great trials; but the trials we may yet face before the German machine is beaten may be far more severe than in those months.**

"I believe that, standing alone, our Island Fortress, supported by the British Commonwealth of Nations, could avoid defeat for ever; but to avoid defeat is not enough. We must have total victory for the security of the world of the future. I do not believe that without American help—given and promised—we could achieve that total victory, even though we avoid defeat.

The Dawn of Victory.

Grim though the struggle might yet be, they could now look to the far horizon where the dawn started to break. With Russia in the east, with the Empire rallied as one, with America in the west, they could make sure that Germany was brought to her knees.

"I look forward to the time," concluded Capt. Balfour, "when German representatives will come as suppliants—terror-struck and repentant, but too late—asking what terms we would grant her for surrender. This is the thought, the hope and the certainty in the minds of us all. And the events in the east, in the west, in the south—on the seas, in the air and on the land—as, day by day, they pass, are surely bringing nearer the time."

A vote of thanks to Capt. Balfour was proposed by the Mayor of Margate and seconded by the Mayor of Ramsgate.

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Half-time Schools

MARGATE DECISION

The Board of Education having raised no objection to the resumption of full school facilities in the district, Margate Education Committee have decided, subject to the approval of the Regional Commissioner, to introduce half-time education after the Christmas holiday, instead of the present one hour's instruction a day, at the schools which have re-opened.

When the question was considered at a meeting of the committee on Friday it was reported that in the past 25 days 42 evacuated school-children had returned to Margate.

The Director, Mr. J. C. Aspden, stated that 550 children were now attending the schools for part-time education and that the average daily attendance was 85 per cent.

A communication received from the Board of Education stated that in view of the number of children still resident in the area and, in the light of information recently furnished by the Margate committee, the Board were prepared to authorise the committee to re-open the schools concerned either for half-time education or to such an extent as they might consider desirable, subject to the arrangements proposed receiving the concurrence of the Regional Commissioner in the light of local circumstances, and to adequate shelter protection and air raid precautions being available at the schools concerned for the number of children in attendance at any one time.

"The authority will appreciate," added the letter, "that this relaxation of the restrictions governing education provisions in these areas relates to the situation as at present existing, and may have to be reconsidered in the light of the conditions prevailing in the middle of February, 1942."

The chairman (Alderman W. C. Redman) pointed out that adequate air raid shelter accommodation was provided at all the schools in the borough at the outbreak of war.

As the matter is to be further reviewed by the Board of Education in February, the committee decided to apply to the Regional Commissioner for approval to half-time education, to commence after the Christmas holidays.

BUNK SNOBBERY

PEOPLE WON'T SLEEP THREE IN A TIER

When Mr. R. D. Brimmell, Ramsgate Borough Engineer, recently applied for more bunks to accommodate another 1,500 people in the deep tunnel shelters, the Ministry of Health replied pointing out that 1,300 three-tier bunks had already been supplied, sufficient to accommodate 3,900 persons, and that only 3,200 people were using them.

Mr. Brimmell has explained to the Civil Defence Committee that "owing to personal objections and other reasons" it had not been possible in many instances to use more than one or two of the berths of a three-tier bunk.

To overcome the difficulty the committee propose, subject to the approval of the Ministry, that the Borough Engineer should utilise the middle sections of the bunks by converting them into single bunks, which would make enough additional bunking available to meet requirements.

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The parcels were forwarded to Mr. R. W. Lang, headmaster of the school, who distributed the contents among the boys evacuated to Stafford.

Acknowledging the gift in the December issue of "Christ Church Magazine," the Vicar, the Rev. P. M. Townend, writes "Spontaneous action of this calibre is what tremendously cements the fellowship of Empire at such a time as this. Everybody has, of course, admired the magnificent spirit of Canada, but this sort of thing brings it home and gives vivid realisation."

As the result of the interest aroused by a Ramsgate exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition held at Toronto, a box of clothing from the Canadian Red Cross is shortly expected to reach the Ramsgate W.V.S.

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As Ramsgate shelter wardens are required to perform their duty under conditions which are not common to other parts of the country, the regional authorities are to be approached with a view to reducing their duty hours from 12 to 8 hours a day.

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MAKING BROOCHES

CHILDREN HELP SPITFIRE FUND

Having made their minds up to help buy a Spitfire, two 12-year-old Ramsgate girls, Joyce Abbott, of 35 Hardres-street, and Ilene Gibbs, of 38 Church-road, began making "V for Victory" brooches out of beads, and have been selling them amongst their neighbours at 3d. each.

As a result 10s. has been handed to the Ramsgate Savings Committee to be passed on to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Joyce and Ilene, encouraged by the success attending their efforts, are setting to work to make more brooches and to increase their contribution to the war effort.

A new Act which has now received the Royal Assent continues the suspension of local elections and registration until 31st December, 1942.

WARSHIP WEEK

RAMSGATE TO AIM AT MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT

A motor torpedo boat, the cost of which is £70,000, is to be the target for Ramsgate's Warship Week, to be held from 14th to 21st March.

An exhibition, which it is hoped will in every way be comparable with the very successful War Weapons Week exhibition, will again be the focal centre of the week's effort, and the joint honorary secretaries, Messrs. S. H. Winter and H. E. Wright, are already getting down to details.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who is chairman of the General Committee, presided at a meeting held at Clarendon House on Wednesday when the target was decided upon.

Officers of committees were appointed as follows: Executive—chairman, Mr. W. W. Wetherill, vice-chairman, Mr. J. M. West; Bonds—chairman, Mr. J. M. West, secretary, Mr. H. E. Wright; Groups—chairman, Mr. W. W. Wetherill, secretary, Mrs. Farnsworth; Publicity—chairman, Mr. L. Rengert.

The Mayor undertook to form an entertainments committee, to arrange social events for the week.

SHEETS IN HIS KIT

SOLDIER REMANDED

At Margate police court on Tuesday Pte. Ernest Hipkiss, aged 31, was remanded in custody until to-morrow on a charge of entering, in an area subject to enemy air attack, Dilkoosha, Sea-road, Westgate, which had been left unprotected in consequence of war operations, and stealing four sheets, a hand mirror, and a hair brush, the property of a person unknown, on or about 16th November.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said he was unable to proceed with the case that day as it had not been possible to locate the owner of the property.

D/I Cory stated that at 2.30 p.m. the previous day he saw the accused at the police station. Later he went to Westgate in company with P/S May and in the presence of the commanding officer and provost sergeant searched the man's kit, where he found the sheets mentioned in the charge.

Returning to the police station he showed Hipkiss the articles and asked him to account for possession of them. He replied "I must have been a fool. I suppose that means a stealing charge?" Pointing to the mirror and hair brush he said "They came from the same house." Witness said the sheets were marked "Mayfield," which he knew was the name of the occupier of Dilkoosha, which was also marked on them.

THRILLS AND SUSPENSE

ADVENTURE FILMS AT ODEON

Adventure films, full of thrills and suspense, have pride of place in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Leslie Banks, Jeanne de Casalis and Alastair Sim are among the stars of "Cottage to Let," chief feature today (Tuesday) and Wednesday. It is the exciting drama of a fifth columnist organisation who plan to kidnap the inventor of a particularly accurate bomb-sight and take him to Berlin to work for Germany. They achieve the kidnapping but fail to get the inventor away in a seaplane because of the last-minute intervention by an unsuspected M.I.5 agent and the clever amateur detective work of a boy evacuee. "Meet the Chump," with Hugh Herbert, is also being shown.

The pursuer becomes the pursued in "Man Hunt," starring Walter Pidgeon and Joan Bennett, which will head the bill for the latter part of the week. This is no trite murder mystery. It is the story of a big game hunter who takes as his quarry a world-hated dictator, only in turn to become a desperate quarry. The pursuit takes them from the Bavarian Alps to the North Sea, across the Channel to England, and from London to the countryside. Every inch is fraught with gripping drama. The supporting programme will include "Law of the Wolf," with Dennis Moore and Luana Walters.

HE HOPES TO WELCOME THEM HOME

Looking much better following his recent long illness, Alderman W. T. Smith occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee on Wednesday.

Alderman Smith said he was very pleased to be back once again and he thanked them for re-electing him to the chairmanship. It fell to his lot to see the children evacuated to Staffordshire and he felt there might be some chance that in 1942 he might be able to welcome them back to Ramsgate once again at the end of hostilities.

After thanking Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, who acted as chairman during his absence, Alderman Smith welcomed the new members to the committee. They would find the work of the Education Committee was one of the most important in the borough. When the war was over there would be a tremendous amount for the committee to do.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN WEDS

A former sports captain of St. George's Girls' School, Miss Joan Wood, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood, of 2 Poplar-road, Ramsgate, was married at St. George's Church last week to Mr. Arthur Herbert Sharp, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sharp, of 161 Grange-road.

The bridegroom is at present serving with the Royal Engineers.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a mauve dress with grey coat and navy blue accessories. She was attended by Miss Gertrude Mary Wood, who wore a dress of pale mauve, with brown coat and hat to match.

The Vicar (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) officiated and Mr. William Sharp, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

The honeymoon was spent at Maidstone.

FAMILY ESCAPE

BOMB IN FRONT GARDEN

Two houses were seriously damaged and a number of others slightly damaged when high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on a south-east coast town on Thursday evening.

A high explosive bomb blew a large crater in the front garden of a house. Another bomb fell at the rear of the house. Mr. and Mrs. D. Edwards and their six-year-old daughter, who were in the back of the house, escaped unhurt.

Mr. Ernest Hall had an astonishing escape. He was standing at his side door when the bomb fell in the garden 20 yards away and he was covered with dust. "I never heard the bomb coming down," said Mr. Hall, "so hadn't taken cover, but I didn't get a scratch." Mrs. Hall had just entered the house of a neighbour whom she was visiting when the door was blown in behind her.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hall entered their own home again they found that the ceilings which had survived previous raids had now come down.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ough were walking within 50 yards of the spot where one of the high explosive bombs fell. Mrs. Ough sustained a slight cut on the leg.

The incendiary bombs, one of which fell on a dairy that had also been hit by an incendiary bomb in a previous raid, were quickly extinguished.

The only fire to obtain any hold was in the roof of a bakery but it was overcome before assuming serious proportions.

When the bombs fell the proprietor of the bakery and his son rushed out into the street and helped to extinguish an incendiary which had fallen outside. When they returned to the premises they heard a crackling sound coming from the floor above and going upstairs found an incendiary had pierced the roof and fire had gained a hold. The outbreak was extinguished by members of the N.F.S.

An incendiary blazing in the rafters of another house was extinguished by Mr. J. Wing and a party of helpers who pulled down part of the ceiling in order to reach it.

N.F.S. patrols were on the spot within a few seconds of the bombs falling and the other Civil Defence services lost no time in dealing with the incidents arising from the dislocation caused by the high explosive bombs.

TARGET REACHED

ON TO £30,000

Well done, Ramsgate!

Eight weeks ago the Ramsgate National Savings Committee launched a campaign with the object of saving £20,000 for a Churchill tank before Christmas.

With four weeks still remaining the target figure has been passed and it is hoped that before Christmas a further £10,000 will be saved to provide a light tank.

Last week's savings, which amounted to £2,667, brought the total for eight weeks to £20,713. The week's savings consisted of £866 in Savings Certificates, £500 in 2½ per cent. War Bonds, £135 in Defence Bonds and an increase of £1,116 due to depositors at the Post Office Savings Bank.

The latest group to be formed is that at Haine. The hon. secretary is Mrs. F. E. Patterson, of 2 Haine Farm-cottages.

PRIMATE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In a letter to his diocese the Archbishop of Canterbury writes:

"I wish you, my dear clergy, and people a Blessed Christmas. Does it seem a strange, almost an ironic, wish in the middle of all the distress which is afflicting the world? These are times when the contrast between the old Christmas Tale and the world as we see it seems more than one can bear. How can we hear the angels' song of peace and goodwill in the din of strife? How can we find a place for the Holy Child coming in His divine Innocence in a world darkened by a vaster mass of misery than perhaps has ever been known, and by the sin which has created it? . . .

"But there is another and deeper sense in which this contrast between His coming and the present fearful state of the world can be made bearable. It compels us to look not at the things which are seen and temporal, but at the things which are unseen and eternal. The evils, the cruelties, the miseries which afflict us are among the things seen—how terribly clearly seen!—and temporal. But 'the kindness of God our Saviour and His love toward man' which 'appeared' on that first Christmas day are among the things which, though often they are unseen, are yet eternal, are yet the ultimate realities."

N.F.S. FOOTBALL

LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS

Members of the National Fire Service are helping to keep fit by means of football.

A league has been formed among the companies in the Thanet towns, Sandwich and Deal, and a cup competition has also been arranged.

The draw for the first round of the cup is as follows: Sandwich v. Margate 2; Deal v. Ramsgate 5; Margate 1 v. Deal 9; Ramsgate 6 v. Broadstairs. Extra time will be played if necessary.

The fixtures for Ramsgate 6 Company are as follows:

Week commencing 1st December, Sandwich, away; 8th, Deal 8, home; 15th, Deal 8, away; 22nd, Sandwich, home; 29th, Deal 9, home; 5th January, cup-ties, first round; 12th, Deal 9, home; 19th, Margate 1, home; 2nd February, Ramsgate 5, away; 9th, Broadstairs, home; 16th, Margate 1, away; 23rd, cup final tie; 1st March, Ramsgate 5, home; 8th, Sandwich, away; 15th Margate 2, away; 22nd, Margate 2, home.

"The soldiers no longer believe that this war will end soon. Many think that the vast Russian territory will swallow the German Army, and the Soviet troops and guerillas will gradually annihilate it."—A German N.C.O. captured on the Moscow front.

HEADMASTER RESIGNS

GENEROUS COMMITTEE THANKED

Ramsgate Education Committee have accepted the resignation of Mr. J. S. Houlton, former headmaster of St. George's Central Boys' School, who at Stafford police court recently was bound over for two years on charges of theft and attempted suicide.

Mr. Houlton, it was stated at a meeting of the committee on Wednesday, had obtained another appointment.

The report of the Education Committee in committee of 22nd October referred to the charges against Mr. Houlton, and recommended

"That the committee authorise the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth (chairman of the managers of St. George's School) and the Secretary of the committee (Mr. S. V. West) to give evidence as to the good character which Mr. Houlton has always borne and as to the confidence which the committee have had in him as a headmaster.

"That they also be authorised to give an assurance to the magistrates that, subject to the approval of the Board of Education, the committee are prepared, for the time being, to retain Mr. Houlton on their staff of teachers and give him an opportunity of re-establishing himself, if the magistrates are satisfied that his offence was committed as a result of a nervous breakdown, and decide to deal leniently with him."

Following the hearing of the case on 28th October the committee met again on 1st November and were informed of the result of the proceedings.

The report of the meeting stated that the committee, after giving careful consideration to all the circumstances, and following consultation with the chairman of the managers of St. George's School, resolved that Mr. Houlton's appointment as head teacher be terminated on 30th November, that as from 1st December, and for a period not exceeding the duration of the evacuation, he be retained on the staff of Ramsgate teachers and paid salary as a Grade 1 headmaster, that he be given temporary leave of absence until fit to resume his duties and that his salary during that period should be in accordance with the committee's sick pay regulation.

Mr. White's Appointment.

It was further resolved that the Secretary should make arrangements in conjunction with the Staffordshire education authority for the employment of Mr. Houlton when he was fit to resume work and that until further consideration was given to the question of the appointment of a headmaster of St. George's Mr. F. White be appointed teacher in charge and for this work be paid an additional allowance at the rate of £50 per annum from 1st November.

Moving the adoption of the reports, the vice-chairman (the Rev. Harcourt Samuel) said the matter of Mr. Houlton, which recently occupied so much of their attention, had been completely settled as they had received and accepted his resignation.

Mr. Farnsworth thanked the committee for the very generous way in which they had dealt with the matter. It was a very difficult case. Under the tremendous strain Mr. Houlton broke down in health, as the decision of the court showed. His nerves gave way. The committee were most generous in their attitude and they would be delighted to know that Mr. Houlton's resignation was due to the fact that he had accepted another appointment.

MISSING AT SEA

RAMSGATE WIFE STILL HOPES

After serving at sea for over 30 years, Mr. Peter Kitchen, ship's cook and baker, of 8 Granville-avenue, Ramsgate, is believed to have lost his life as a result of enemy action.

Although he was first reported missing over a year ago, Mrs. Kitchen has not given up hope that her husband may be safe.

Sixty-three years of age, Mr. Kitchen had served with many well-known shipping lines and for four years was chef at the Liverpool Sailors' Home.

When their son, Corpl. John Cyril Kitchen, R.A.F., now stationed at the Gold Coast, secured an appointment in Thanet Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen moved their home from Liverpool to Birchington and came to live in Ramsgate two years ago.

Mr. Kitchen was last in Ramsgate in August of last year and the following month it was announced that his ship was overdue and feared lost.

THREE MEN SAVED FROM SEA

RAMSGATE SOLDIER'S GALLANTRY

Pte. Charles W. F. Reeves, of Ramsgate, has been awarded £2 and the thanks on vellum of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for his gallantry in rescuing three men whose sailing dinghy had capsized at Paignton.

In company with A/C Thomas Eckersley, of Bolton, to whom the Institution has made a similar award, Pte. Reeves ran 300 yards, pushed a dinghy 30 yards down the shore, and put off to the rescue in a strong wind and a choppy sea.

Two men were found clinging to the upturned boat and were quickly rescued, but the third man was only got aboard the rescuers' boat at grave risk of capsizing it.

PREFERS THE WEST

"In spite of all the 'Glamour of the East,' give me the grey skies and green fields of England," wrote L/A/C Ronald Murphy, R.A.F., of Beacon-road, St. Peter's, in an airgraph letter from the Middle East to the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge of St. Andrew's, Reading Street.

L/A/C Murphy said he had seen many interesting things and daily one saw Biblical scenes come to life.

"Everything no doubt looks very attractive on a picture postcard (you don't get the odours that way) but it's an entirely different matter to be out here," he wrote. "However, the experience is good and generally speaking (apart from insects) it is not too bad."

LIKE CHILDREN

WE WANT TO KNOW WHY

By GEORGE A. BIRMINGHAM

We are engaged in a war, a desperate war.

Therefore we must give up many of our pleasant and familiar liberties. We are all willing, if not content, to surrender them for the time until the tyranny be overpast. We are not indeed quite sure that we shall get them back again when the war is over. We are haunted by the memory of the length of time it took to disestablish the original Dora after the last war, and we have an uneasy suspicion that things may be even more difficult this time. But that is a matter for the future and there are troubles enough at present without worrying ourselves into fits about those to come.

All we ask—but this we have some right to ask—is that we should understand the reason for our privations. I am forbidden, for instance, to go to Ireland, and I quite agree that this is a necessary restriction. We must all live night after night in depressing and dangerous darkness. We make no complaint because we believe that German airmen cannot find their way to London in the dark. That is a thoroughly good reason for a black-out, and if it turns out in the end that they can find their way to a darkened London, just as our men do to a darkened Hamburg, that cannot be helped. The reason for the black-out is as sound as ever, and we put up with it without protest.

Elaborate arrangements are made to prevent my getting a fresh egg for breakfast. And this is reasonable enough, for it appears that if I get a fresh egg someone else will get no egg at all. It is plainly better for the community that two men should get stale eggs, rather than one a fresh one and the other none. No one complains about that, though a grumbler might ask where the second egg comes from, or why one of them must not be fresh.

No Butter From Ireland.

It is when we come to restrictions for which no reason is given that we are inclined to be annoyed. Why, for instance, am I forbidden to receive a present of half a pound of butter from Ireland? I do not pay for it, so no money goes out of the country. To the uninstructed man it would seem as if my free half pound of butter were in a very small way an advantage to the community. The total amount of butter in the country is increased without cost. Eating my half pound, I refrain from eating my rationed allowance, and there is that much extra butter left for general distribution. That sounds like common sense; but, of course, is not. The people who arrange these things for us must know better than I do. There is certainly a reason for this curious restriction. All we ask is to be told what it is. We don't object to the restriction. We do resent being treated as babies to whom the nurse's "Because I say so" is reason enough for anything.

Then there is the matter of clothes coupons. If I go into a shop to buy a pair of socks, I may not tear the necessary coupons out of my book myself. The shopkeer must do that. Otherwise they are loose coupons, and he will be prosecuted for receiving them. But if I order my socks by post, then I may tear out the coupons and post them. Neither the shopkeeper nor I have done anything wrong. I have never tried the experiment, but I imagine that I and the shopkeeper would be within our rights if I bought the socks across the counter, tore out the coupons, put them into an envelope, crossed the road and dropped them into a pillar-box. They would then arrive by post and the transaction would be legal. Doubtless there is a reason for these regulations. Why not tell us what it is? As things stand, we find ourselves threatened with penalties unless we behave in a way which strikes most of us as silly.

Municipal Gas Attacks.

And gas masks. There is no law compelling us to carry these things. Since the Germans have not yet attempted to gas either us or any of the other people with whom they are at war, most poeple have begun to think it unlikely that they ever will, and have given up carrying gas masks about with them. Our higher authorities do not seem disturbed about this. At all events, they have made no rule and have not threatened us with fines or imprisonment if we leave our masks at home. But certain local authorities, urban councillors and such people, have devised the plan of spraying their streets with gas at irregular and unannounced times. They hope thereby to frighten us into carrying masks about with us. The only apparent reason for their proceedings is this: since the Germans have not gassed us, it is better to gas each other rather than waste all our expensive masks. Let some use be made of them. But there must surely be some better reason than that. Even what is called a "local authority" could not argue in that way. Surely it would be better to tell us what the reason is. We could put up with streaming eyes and sore throats if we knew that we were suffering for the public good.

How very nice it would be and how much more gladly we should endure the loss of our minor liberties if only those who rule us would stop treating us as babies and would believe that we are grown-up men and women, most of us capable of reasoning! But that perhaps is too much to hope from men who, apparently, do not reason much themselves.

SCHOOL DENTIST'S RETURN

The School Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) has reported to Ramsgate Education Committee that Dr. R. O. Barber, the School Dental Surgeon, had received his discharge from the Army on medical grounds and that a certificate of fitness to resume his duties as School Dental Officer had been received.

The School Medical Officer reported that although owing to war conditions it might not be possible for Dr. Barber to be fully occupied with dental work, Dr. Barber was prepared to undertake such other public health duties as he might allocate to him.

CHILDREN'S XMAS SHILLING

Ramsgate children who spend Christmas in the reception area at Staffordshire will not be forgotten.

As the Ministry of Health have stated that they are prepared to sanction reasonable expenditure by evacuation authorities for the Christmas entertainment of evacuated children at the cost of the rates, Ramsgate Education Committee are recommending to the Council that a contribution equivalent to a shilling a head of the elementary children in the reception area, and not exceeding £80, be made.

THE GIRLS IN GREEN

ALDERMAN J. J. WHITE'S STAFFORD VISIT

Although his two sons and six of his male staff are serving with the Forces and all his girl employees are now doing war work, Alderman J. J. White, of Ramsgate, chairman of the governors of Chatham House Boys' School and Clarendon House Girls' School, managed to pay visits to both schools at Stafford last week.

As reported under a separate heading, Alderman White presided at the boys' speech day. His visit to the girls' school was less formal but his welcome was equally enthusiastic.

After attending morning assembly for prayers, Alderman White was also present in the afternoon when the assembled school sang two carols. One of these, "The Son of God is born for all," the tune of which was composed by Joyce Stanford, a member of the Sixth Form, is always included in the school carol service and is known as the "Clarendon Carol."

Two diction prizes, consisting of National Savings Certificates, presented by the headmistress, Miss I. E. Helm, were handed by Alderman White to Joyce Stanford (upper school) and Jean Dunn (lower school), and a further prize for the best all-round result in the School Certificate examination was presented to Rosemary Foster.

In an informal talk to the girls, Alderman White said he knew how glad they would be to return to their home town but their friends, he added, would be even happier to have them back as they were sadly missed and the town seemed deserted without their blazers and green uniforms. As soon as they knew that the girls were able to return, the school buildings would be ready for them.

Independent Careers.

After the Great War things were very different from what they were before it, and conditions would change after this war. Young women would be required to do even more responsible work than their mothers had done, and if the girls wanted independent careers, it would depend on the education they had received. He hoped each girl would earn her own living, and that while she was at school she should learn all she could. They had a most able headmistress, supported by a staff of the best teachers they could possibly have, who were all anxious to help each girl prepare herself for her career. "I am sure it is the wish of Miss Helm, of the staff, and of the governors of the school," he concluded, "that every girl should be a credit to the school and that all should obtain good results in the future."

Freda Kelf, head girl and school Mayor, proposing a vote of thanks to Alderman White, said she knew he was a very busy man, and the girls appreciated his giving up his time to visit them. They missed seeing their Thanet friends and hoped they would soon see Alderman White again in their Thanet home.

Esther Richford, deputy head girl, seconding, said that although the girls had made many new friends in Stafford who had given them much happiness, it was a great joy to welcome an old friend from home.

FEEDING THE FIRE-GUARDS

New arrangements for subsistence allowances or food for the part-time unpaid members in the Civil Defence general services, including fire-guards of local authorities, are described in a circular issued by the Ministry of Home Security.

The revised scale on which subsistence allowance will be payable, or in certain cases food may be provided, is:

Turns of duty of less than four hours—Either light refreshments to the value of 6d. or a subsistence allowance of 9d., whichever the local authority considers more appropriate;

Four hours or more, but less than eight hours—Meal to the value of 1s. or, subject to the same conditions, a subsistence allowance of 1s. 6d.;

Eight hours or more, but not over 12 hours—Meals to the value of 2s., or, subject to the same conditions, a subsistence allowance of 3s.;

Over 12 hours, but not over 18 hours—A subsistence allowance of 4s. 6d.;

Over 18 hours, but not over 24 hours—A subsistence allowance of 6s.;

Any excess of 24 hours is to be treated as a new turn of duty.

Where personnel are on duty for 12 hours or less, a local authority may provide light refreshments or meals instead of subsistence allowances.

The Minister of Home Security attaches great importance to the provision by local authorities of canteens at which whole-time and part-time personnel can obtain refreshments.

A VISIT FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsgate (Alderman and Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe), together with the Mayor's Welfare Officer, Mrs. Peete, on Friday paid a visit to members of a Ramsgate R.A. battery somewhere in Kent.

These lads, who have been on the site for two years, wrote to tell the Mayor that they were practically without any form of amusement and asked if he could help them.

Immediately the Mayor despatched dart boards, cards, biscuits and other comforts and followed it up with a personal visit. He is also taking his concert party to entertain them on Thursday.

IN THE NATIONAL SERVICE

There are many people not in uniform who are working in the national service with might and main. They are playing their parts and it is just as important a one as that played by the boys and girls in khaki and blue. Thousands of men and women are providing the fighting forces with the munitions of war in which they stand in such urgent need. Thousands of others are working in the national service by producing foods. Take the case of makers of special food products as an illustration.

You know from experience how beneficial Ovaltine, the supreme food beverage, proves in peace-time. It is a scientifically correct food and it is universally accepted as the most appropriate and beneficial food beverage for young and old, in sickness and in health. To-day it is an important factor in the maintenance of the general standard of health among all classes of people. As a health-promoting, nerve-restoring, energy-creating food it is unequalled. And as a sleep-inducer it is unsurpassed.

We are living in worrying times; our nerves are apt to be frayed by the noise and strain and stress of prevailing conditions. Sleep is difficult, yet sound, refreshing, revitalising sleep is essential if everyone is to keep fit and capable of working at the highest degree of efficiency. A cup of Ovaltine before retiring ensures restorative sleep. If sleep is lost or broken it allows one to resume sleep almost at once. And every hour of Ovaltine sleep is fully restful and nerve-restoring. Taken during the day it proves most effective in restoring lowered strength and vitality.

VICTORY—on Paper

Take to heart the precious nature of paper NOW. It is wanted for munitions.

Keep a box or basket INDOORS for every scrap of paper. Give it to the collector DRY—don't leave it out by the dustbin.

Do not put waste paper with ashes in the dustbin.

You may have some old books tucked away. Please turn them out. An old A.B.C. railway guide weighing 23 ounces would, for example, produce sufficient mixed waste to make four gun fuses.

When you have paper, cardboard, or old books waiting for collection, put a card in your window marked "P."

This will help the collectors, especially if you happen to be out when they call.

Leave your waste in a conveniently dry spot for them to collect.

"So little salved by so many would mean so much."

ON KEEPING RABBITS

HOW TO FEED THEM

By R. KNIGHT

In a previous article I dealt with the housing of rabbits. I propose now to give a few hints on feeding and general management.

The most important thing to bear in mind is cleanliness. The hutches should be cleaned out at least twice weekly, more frequently if necessary.

A good bed of straw or hay is advised, although sawdust or wood chips provide a satisfactory and cheap litter.

Now with reference to feeding. The main point to remember is to choose a feeding method that will induce and maintain perfect health and condition.

At this time of year it is advisable to feed early morning and just before dusk.

For the morning feed use a large double handful of greenstuff, i.e., kale, savoy, etc. (outer leaves) or in frosty weather root crops, i.e., carrots, swedes, sugar beet.

The evening feed should consist of a similar quantity of greens, a handful of hay and scraps from the table.

In frosty weather it is essential to allow greenstuff to thaw before feeding, and also take care not to feed greenstuff that is too wet.

The Ministry of Agriculture allow a ration of bran to domestic rabbit keepers who have four or more breeding does. This helps considerably in preparing mashes made from house scraps, chat potatoes, etc.

Should you have any query re rabbit keeping, write to me c/o the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO, Ramsgate, and I shall be pleased to answer it in my next article, in which I propose to give a few hints on breeding.

RETURNED TO THE SEA

MARGATE NAVAL OFFICER'S DEATH

Reported missing three months ago, the death on active service is now announced of Lieut. Dudley Cyril Wilson, R.N.V.R., third son of the late Mr. P. R. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of The Moorings, Devonshire-gardens, Margate.

Lieut. Wilson, who was 31 years of age, was educated at Stanley House School. He was indentured to the merchant service but after serving for five years gave up the sea as a career as he saw no prospects of advancement. He obtained a post as a creative designer in the drawing office of a firm of tile makers at Poole but joined the R.N.V.R. in 1938 at the time of the national emergency.

WATER ENGINEER

APPOINTED AT MARGATE

Mr. H. F. Brandram Jones, Deputy Water Engineer at Brighton, has been selected from five candidates to succeed Mr. A. E. Crispe as Water Engineer at Margate.

Mr. Jones, who has been at Brighton since 1937, was Chief Assistant Engineer at Croydon for two years and from 1925 to 1935 held appointments under the Metropolitan Water Board.

Thirty-seven years of age, Mr. Jones is a married man. He holds the degrees of A.M.I.C.E. and A.M.I.W.E. and also the A.R.P. instructor's certificate. He will take up his appointment at Margate in a month's time.

O.B.E. FIREMAN'S DEATH

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Charles George Larkins, of 77 Southwood-road, who passed away at Ramsgate General Hospital at the age of 81.

Mr. Larkins was a member of the old Ramsgate Volunteer Fire Brigade and was awarded the O.B.E. for his services in connection with the explosion at the ammunition dump at the harbour during the last war. He served with the brigade for over 30 years.

For many years Mr. Larkins carried on business as a builder. He was a keen horticulturist and had carried off many prizes at Ramsgate flower shows.

Mr. Larkins, who lost his wife about eight years ago, leaves eight daughters and two sons.

"We intend to have a world in which there is freedom and security for men to lead their own lives in their own way and enjoy the peace of their own homes."—The First Lord of the Admiralty.

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ORPHAN BOY TAKES TO CRIME

ROBBED BROTHER AND SENT HIM FICTITIOUS WIRE

A sturdy, well-dressed boy of 13, who had sung in a church choir, appeared at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday and confessed to 18 cases of theft.

The boy, who has put in ten hours attendance at school since June, 1940, lives with his grandparents, who admitted that he had got out of hand since the schools were evacuated.

During the hearing it was stated that the boy, after robbing his brother of 30s. when the latter was home on leave from the Army, went to Canterbury and sent his brother a telegram which read "Return at once. Urgent. O.C." Apparently he hoped thereby that his brother would return to duty before discovering the theft.

The boy was interviewed by D/C Honey after a knife value 4s. 6d., belonging to William Newberry, had been stolen from a store in Cleaver-lane, which was broken into on 13th September, and a purse containing £2 19s. 3d., a postal order value 1s., a doorkey and sundry papers, belonging to Mrs. Emma Heyman, had been stolen from a house in Royal-road on 18th October.

After denying any knowledge of the theft from the store, the boy made a statement to the effect that he kicked a tennis ball over the wall, climbed the wall to get it, and forced the rear door with some old tools he found in the yard. When he got inside he looked round the store and then went into the office, where he saw a pocket knife which he put in his pocket. Later in Hereson playground he had a quarrel with another boy, who took the knife from him and ran away.

Hidden in Bushes.

Regarding the theft of the purse, the boy said he saw it lying on top of a box while he was playing at the home of another boy with whom he had had tea. On his way home he hid the purse in the bushes in the garden of Norland House. The next day he went back for the purse and caught a bus to Margate, where he spent some of the money. He then returned to Ramsgate and later caught the bus to Canterbury, where he spent the remainder of the day. Returning to Ramsgate about 7 p.m., he went to the pictures and afterwards had supper, consisting of beans on toast, at a cafe before he went home, crept indoors and slept in the front room. The following day he caught the 7.18 a.m. train to Chislet with the idea of getting a job at the mine, but the manager was away so he returned to Ramsgate and spent the rest of the money on sweets and food and going to the pictures in the evening. Afterwards he again hid the purse in the bushes at Norland House.

D/C Honey said the purse, containing two stamps, a ½d. and a key, was recovered from the bushes.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. H. J. Perry, the boy said he had no father or mother.

His grandfather, aged 76 years, said he had been a good boy all the time he was at school but since the schools had been shut he had gone with a lot of other boys who had got him into mischief.

Replying to the bench, the grandfather said his wife did not want the boy to go away when the schools were evacuated. She thought they could look after him.

The Chairman: It is a great pity you did not let him go when the other schoolchildren went. That is where parents made the mistake.

Mr. C. J. Fells (a magistrate): By keeping him in Ramsgate a large part of the responsibility rests upon you.

Eluded Grandparents.

When the Clerk, Mr. E. A. Knight, pointed out that no other boys were concerned in the two cases before the court, the grandfather said the boy could be trusted with anything when he went to school. For the last few months they had searched the tunnels and looked everywhere for him, even at 2.30 in the morning. They had fastened doors and windows and taken away his clothes to try and keep him in.

A letter from the grandmother stated that the boy had been brought up in the Salvation Army as a baby. She had tried to bring him up in the right way since he was five but he had been led away by other boys since the schools closed. She asked that he should be found over on probation as she would miss him very much.

Mr. S. V. West, Secretary to the Education Committee, said that until the schools closed in June, 1940, the boy appeared to be normal, of average attainment and no trouble at all—a satisfactory pupil. It was a great pity he did not take advantage of the evacuation of the schools. Recently he enrolled for part-time tuition at which, unfortunately, attendance was voluntary, and in 70 days he attended on ten occasions only. In 18 months he had had less than ten hours' tuition.

On the few occasions that the boy had attended school lately, added Mr. West, the impression of the teacher was that he was below average in attainment, showed little interest in his work, needed frequent supervision and seemed unable to discipline himself. His behaviour was fairly good but he was not always truthful, especially when asked the reason for his absence, and owing to his irregular attendance his name was removed from the roll in October.

"I am hopeful," said Mr. West, "that before long the attendance of Ramsgate children for part-time or whole-time education will be made compulsory."

Ran Errands for Tunnel Dwellers.

For some time, he understood, the boy had played round the tunnel entrances and so got into the habit of running errands for the people in the tunnels, thereby earning a few coppers for himself. A stop was put to that and it might be it was then that, being used to earning money, he took to other ways of getting it.

The grandfather said the boy used to tell them, when he came home, that he had been to school.

A/Chief Inspr. Hicks said the boy asked that 16 other cases should be taken into consideration. All the offences were committed at Ramsgate except one at Canterbury.

The list, read by the Clerk and admitted by the boy, included the theft of two packets of cigarettes, value 1s. 1d., from Mr. T. Kemp, tobacconist, of High-street, and a postal order for 12s. and 20s. in money from Stanleys, cycle dealers, of High-street, in January; obtaining by false pretences buns value 1s. from Mockridge and Son, bakers, of High-street, in May, and breaking into a store at Victory Cottage, Tomson's-passage, between 18th June and 16th September, and stealing there a sewing machine, pair of rubber boots and an oil stove, together valued at £6 11s.

In August he stole 2s. at the Oddfellows' Hall. In September he took 10s. from a shed in Ellington Park, obtained a shelter suit value £2 from a house in Abbott's-hill, and made off with a cycle value £2 from a cycle dealer's workshop in Alma-road.

In October he stole a battery bicycle lamp outside a cinema and his thefts of money included a sum of £4 at his home. On Saturday he stole £2 15s. from the Swan Inn, Canterbury.

Inspr. Hicks pointed out that eight of the offences had been committed since the boy was first reported.

In reply to questions the boy said he sold the articles he stole and had spent the money. Regarding the theft at Canterbury on Saturday he said he did some washing up and saw the money in a box.

Asked whether any action had been taken against people to whom the boy said he had sold articles cheaply, Inspr. Hicks said "He is such a plausible liar that we cannot get to the bottom of half the jobs."

Damage at Public Library.

The boy seemed to be actuated partly by mischief. In one instance he committed a certain amount of damage at the Public Library and then, presumably, finding nothing to steal, he painted a message on the board where it was found by the staff the following morning.

Asked where he learned the words written on the board, the boy replied "At school."

In another case, said Inspr. Hicks, the boy stole 30s. from his brother, who was home on leave, and sent him a telegram purporting to come from the commanding officer ordering him to return to his regiment at once. He apparently hoped by doing this that his brother would return before reporting the theft to the police.

Mr. B. K. Hemsley, Probation Officer, said he called on the grandparents on 16th June but they declined his help. He left a card so that they could get in touch with him if they had any further trouble with the boy but he had not heard from them. He felt the grandparents were largely responsible as they were unable to control the boy.

A New Start.

The representative of a youth hostel offered to give the boy a new start from scratch and said he would take a personal interest in him.

Announcing that the boy would be sent to a remand home for a fortnight while the bench considered the best course to adopt, the Chairman said "We want to turn you into a decent citizen. The way you are going you will probably end up with a term of penal servitude."

Telling the grandfather the magistrates considered he should have accepted the offer of help he received from the Probation Officer, the Chairman said "The bench feel that parents who have not sent their children away to school have contributed to this sort of thing going on. Young people must have discipline and training."

Adding that the boy would not be sent home again as the grandparents were too old to look after him, the Chairman said he hoped other parents would take notice of what had been said.

Mr. Fells: Some parents do not realise that the Probation Officer is their boy's best friend. They should accept the help he is prepared to give instead of looking upon him as an intruder.

A YEAR AGO

Wearing the uniform of a Marshal of the Royal Air Force, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent toured the heavily bombed districts of Ramsgate. While the Duke was making his tour raiders were overhead. The Duke chatted with several people at the doors of their damaged homes.

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The problem of children who have returned to Broadstairs was partially solved when the Kent Education Committee re-opened three schools in the district for part-time education.

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The first wedding was solemnised in the crypt of St. George's Church.

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Formerly the Member of Parliament for Thanet, the Hon. Esmond C. Harmsworth succeeded to the peerage following the death at Bermuda of his father, Viscount Rothermere.

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Ramsgate Town Council considered the draft of by-laws to control conditions in the tunnel shelters.

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Familiar figure on Broadstairs seafront for over half a century, Boatman John Andrew Hiller, who had saved 200 lives, passed away at the age of 71.

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Balfour announced that enemy destroyers, apparently attempting to pass south inside the Downs, came in contact with the Ramsgate drifter patrol. The night was dark and misty, and the enemy made off at once before they could be engaged. The last of the six vessels opened fire on two of our armed drifters. About 12 shots were fired, some of which hit the drifter Acceptable. This vessel, however, sustained no casualties, and but little damage. The engagement lasted a few minutes.

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Flt./Sergt. F. Darvell, son of Mr. W. S. Darvell, of Ramsgate, who has accomplished much daring flying service at the front, is now in hospital at Sandwich suffering from a broken ankle and injuries to the spine. The machine in which he was flying was badly damaged. Before he left the front, the injured airman was presented by his comrades with a wheel taken from his machine on which had been inscribed the names of the places in the fighting zone over which he had flown.

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Q/M/S Horace Miles, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles, of St. George's-road, Ramsgate, writes home with much glee to record the fact that he has been put on duty with the "tanks." He is more proud of his attachment to the wonderful new engines of war than he is of his promotion to the rank of quartermaster-sergeant.

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There was a record muster of B Company, K.V.R., at the Willson's-road Drill Hall, Ramsgate, when the O.C., Capt. Matthews, called for volunteers for important new drills in connection with coast defence work. A limited number of men were required to undergo a course of special practice and there was a ready response. The following members of B company have been promoted to sergeants—Corpls. J. H. Robinson, F. E. J. Darby, T. W. Mockridge, C. S. Lewis, and A. H. Poolman.

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We deeply regret to record the death of Alderman Charles John Gwyn, one of the most prominent and useful men in the public life of Thanet. For many years Alderman Gwyn had devoted his life to public work. He had been a member of Ramsgate Town Council for 27 years, was four times Mayor of the borough, and a justice of the peace for many years.

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The smiling face of a jolly sailorman lit up the horizon a day or two ago when I was taking the air on the East Cliff. Closer view revealed the merry tar to be Mr. R. J. Costerton, who has joined the Royal Naval Reserve and is stationed in this neighbourhood. He assured me that he was rapidly acquiring the marine expressions of the man of the sea, and started off with the rank of an able seaman. He has now, however, quite accustomed himself to handling chains and ropes and has succeeded in removing a piece from almost every joint of both hands. He likes the sea and the sea likes him, so he is quite content with his lot as a sailor bold.—Gadabout.

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At a meeting of the Ramsgate Tribunal the Mayor (Councillor T. S. Chayney) announced that a condition of temporary exemption would be enlistment in the Kent Volunteer Regiment. In the near future, he added, the regiment would be called upon to undertake work of a most important character.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

RAMSGATE'S NEW ERA

Bright sunshine favoured the inaugural ceremony in connection with the New Road works, heralding as it did a new era in the prosperity of Ramsgate. The whole town was en fete. In the immediate vicinity of the Town Quay, where the ceremony took place, there was a profuse display of bunting, and everything was done to secure the comfort of the vast concourse of spectators. Immediately opposite the entrance of the Royal Hotel, facing the harbour, an enclosed space was guarded by a contingent of Ramsgate constabulary. Besides the goodly number of prominent townsmen inside the enclosure, thousands of spectators crowded the adjacent thoroughfares and all places whence a view of the proceedings could be had. The balcony of the Royal Hotel, which was tastefully draped, was crowded with a bevy of ladies, and every window was occupied by fair sightseers. Following prayers, the Mayor (Alderman W. P. Blackburn) took the crowbar from the contractor and slightly moved a stone, which was raised by a crane, lowered on to a diminutive tramway car, and speedily shunted to the end of the line. The ceremony was followed by a champagne luncheon at the Royal Hotel. No seats were provided owing to the scarcity of room. The flowing bumpers having been handed round, "The Queen" was given and loyally honoured.

LAUGHTER IN COURT

There was an amusing scene at Ramsgate police court on Monday, a woman being summoned for wilfully and wantonly ringing a neighbour's door bell. Defendant was fined 1s. and 11s. costs. The Clerk: Have you any witnesses?—Defendant: Much good there is in bringing witnesses here. (Laughter.)—Defendant was further understood to remark that she looked upon the members of the court as a lot of old women.—Mr. Buss: Be quiet.—Defendant: I shan't. (Laughter and cries of "Order in court.") —Defendant (defiantly): You ought all to be smothered. (Great laughter, in which the magistrates joined.)

METEORITES

Quoth "The Globe," in a cleverly written column: "It is evident that after the recent criticisms passed upon the lifeboat service of our coasts, its members are anxious to show that they are on the alert. The Ramsgate lifeboat put to sea on Sunday night in answer to the signal of two falling meteorites, which were mistaken for rockets fired by the lightship. We may now expect to hear that the fire brigade have started some fine morning to put out the rising sun. However, in the case of both institutions, a little too much zeal is a fault on the right side."

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CHATHAM HOUSE SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

Satisfaction at the way in which the work of Chatham House School is being carried on at Stafford under difficulties imposed by war-time conditions was expressed by Alderman J. J. White, chairman of the governors, at the annual speech day at King Edward VI School, Stafford, on Wednesday.

The headmaster (Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury) presided and the prizes were presented by the Bishop of Stafford (Rt. Rev. L. D. Hammond).

The headmaster thanked the Staffordshire education authority for all they had done to make their stay in the county so happy and successful. The vast majority of the boys had tried to show their appreciation of what had been done for them in their billets.

Of the 61 candidates who took the School Certificate, 54 passed—over 30 with exemption from matriculation. Of the 11 candidates who entered for the Higher Certificate eight passed, four with intermediate exemption, and five had been awarded state bursaries and were now at universities studying radio location and other scientific subjects. He congratulated W. G. R. Norris on winning an open exhibition at Keble College, Oxford.

Mr. Brackenbury paid a high tribute to the members of the staff.

The headmaster said six former members of the school had won decorations and the Roll of Honour, which he feared must grow, numbered 22.

Referring to some of the advantages of evacuation, Mr. Brackenbury said in a strange town they had felt as a school more united than ever before. They had felt as individuals more responsibility one for another.

Alderman White said the governors appreciated very highly the enormous amount of trouble that had been taken by many people to make the transfer of the school to Stafford a success, and the town a home from home for the boys. The governors had been heartened by the excellent progress made by the school while at Stafford and were, generally speaking, tremendously satisfied.

The prizewinners were:

Form prizes—5a, D. A. G. Worrall; 5b, D. G. Castle; 5c, A. S. Dixon; 4a, D. V. Mecham; 4b, A. Herzenberg; 4c, L. E. Tucker; 3, H. A. Smith; 3a, R. C. Lawrence; 3b, D. R. Stevens; 2a, A. G. Ball; 2b, R. E. Sawtell; 2c, G. R. M. Beadle; 1a, W. D. Brown; 1b, L. A. Holton.

Endowed prizes—Leslie and Douglas (character), P. A. D. Powell; O.R. Memorial (science), R. V. Rickwood; Hendry (achievement), W. G. R. Norris.

Subject prizes—Blinko Prize (English), C. J. Millett; mathematics, D. A. G. Worrall; French, F. J. Smith and R. H. Waller; science, J. M. Keegan; history, J. R. Adams; Latin, D. S. Redwood.

FIFTH COLUMN THRILLER

Leslie Banks and George Cole in "Cottage to Let," the fifth columnist thriller being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and tomorrow.

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A POSITIVE DANGER

WOMAN WHO IGNORED BLACK-OUT WARNINGS

Stated to have ignored all requests to black-out her house properly, Miss Rebecca Tucker, aged 70, of Adrian-square, Westgate, was fined £2 at Margate police court on Wednesday for a breach of the lighting regulations at 5.5 a.m. on 17th November.

The Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, said he was forced to take proceedings against defendant on account of her continual infringement of the regulations. It seemed impossible to make her see the reason for obscuring the lights.

P/C Stace said the light in question seemed to come from a candle and when he knocked on the door it went out but no one answered.

Defendant: I was in bed. I could not come down.

P/S May, who saw defendant later, said she told him she struck a match—one of the 3d.-a-box matches which lasted a little longer than the others—to see what the time was.

"People in the vicinity are very incensed over the lights from these premises," said witness, who added that when he called on defendant on 11th November regarding a complaint she refused to open the door.

Miss Tucker said it was easier to see from the outside than the inside whether any light was shining.

The Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): And there are aircraft outside.

Defendant: Oh, they can't see it.

The Clerk: Have you asked them?

Defendant: Yes, I asked an airman if they could see any light and he said "No, they go too fast."

The Chief Constable: She is absolutely careless. She ignores all requests. A person like her is a positive danger to the locality.

Severely warned by the Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, and told she would have to pay a fine of £2, defendant said "Then I think I shall be out of the place to-night. It will be a relief."

Producing £1 10s. from an envelope, defendant said she would send the balance and when asked to wait for a receipt said "I don't want a receipt."

Milking the Cows.

At the same court Percy Rose, of Acol Hill Farm, Park-lane, Birchington, was fined £1 for a lantern light shining from a cowshed at 7 a.m. when the black-out ended at 7.47.

Defendant, who said he was very careful to see that no light showed when there was a raid, added that it was necessary to have a light in the mornings in order to milk the cows.

Mary E. Wood, of Southend-cottages, Canterbury-road, Birchington, was fined 10s. in respect of a bright light which shone for about a minute at 6.30 a.m. when she opened the door to empty the fire ashes into a bin outside.

Defendant wrote stating that it was quite an accident.

RETIRED TWICE

NAVAL POSTMAN'S LONG SERVICE

At the age of 60, Mr. Charles William Silver, of 69 Albion-road, St. Peter's, has retired—for the second time.

At the end of the last war Mr. Silver retired from the Royal Navy following 24 years' service. He has now retired from the postal service, having completed a term of 20 years.

Mr. Silver is the energetic honorary secretary and treasurer of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association and holds the office of Degree Master in the Broadstairs Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F., through the chair of which he has passed several times. His wife is the present Noble Grand of the combined male and female lodges.

Mr. Silver joined the Navy at the age of 16 in 1897 and during the Boer War was serving on H.M.S. Terrible. In the last war he served on H.M.S. Dominion and H.M. destroyer Manley, and at the latter part of the war was torpedo instructor at Malta Dockyard. He retired with the rating of chief petty officer and the unsubstantiated rank of torpedo gunner's mate.

Mr. Silver holds the Queen's South African Medal (two bars) for the Relief of Ladysmith and the Tugela Heights, the 1914-15 Star, General Service and Victory Medal, and the Royal Naval Good Conduct Medal.

In 1921 Mr. Silver entered the postal service at Rochester and Chatham. In 1924 he was transferred to Ramsgate and shortly afterwards was posted to Broadstairs.

Mr. Silver can claim that throughout his postal service he was never once late and never had a day's illness.

DISTRESS RELIEVED

MARGATE PHILANTHROPY

Although the number of subscribers dropped from 250 to 125, Margate Philanthropic Institution distributed over 2,000 tickets, value 2s. each, among poor people during the year ended 31st October. The tickets were exchanged by tradesmen for necessities costing £203 2s., and in addition the Institution made grants of £120 1s. for the relief of cases of distress.

At the annual meeting, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Brisley, senior auditor, said the subscriptions totalled £93 19s., compared with £179 5s. in 1940, and interest on investments amounted to £153 16s. 4d., against £156 1s. 1d. After investing £200 in the Post Office Savings Bank there was a balance of £82 10s. 9d., compared with £92 1s. 10d.

The statement of accounts showed that the income was augmented by £316 4s. 1d., representing one-fifth of the net income of Dr. Peete's Charity.

The president, Mr. Caleb Andrews, explained that as every subscriber of 5s. received six 2s. tickets for distribution to necessitous cases, the more they received in subscriptions the smaller was their balance at the end of the year.

It was decided that in the coming year two Philanthropic tickets should be issued in December and two Dr. Peete's tickets in January and February for each 5s. subscribed.

Mr. Andrews was re-elected president, with Mr. F. P. Gore as vice-president, and other officers elected were: treasurer, Col. C. S. F. Witts; committee vacancies, Messrs. C. Andrews, E. S. Kingston and T. F. Collins; auditors, Messrs. A. E. Bray, B. J. Garraway and Councillor W. J. Perkins; secretary, Mr. G. Camfield; trustees to Dr. Peete's Charity, Messrs. G. C. Golder, W. F. Wilson and T. F. Collins.

MR. EDWIN C. SOLLY

DEATH OF BIRCHINGTON LICENSEE

The death took place last week at the age of 76 of Mr. Edwin Charles Solly, licensee of the Acorn Inn, Park-lane, Birchington, for the past 43 years.

Son of a Margate farm labourer, Mr. Solly began work as a newspaper boy and shortly afterwards went to London to work in a public-house. He returned owing to ill-health and for some time was in private service with the late Capt. Hatfeild at Hartsdown.

After again working for some years in London, Mr. Solly took up residence in Birchington 53 years ago. He was an insurance agent for ten years and then took over the license of the Acorn Inn.

Among his many activities Mr. Solly helped in arranging the Easter Monday sports, which was a great feature in the social life at Birchington before the last war. The money raised at the sports led to an entertainment and outing for the old people of the parish and he was appointed secretary of the committee which was formed in 1907. He held the position until 1939 when he received a clock from the committee and old people of Birchington in recognition of his services. He then became assistant secretary to the committee.

For about 20 years Mr. Solly was a member of the old Birchington Parish Council and at one time held the position of chairman. He was also an overseer for many years and up to the time of his death was manager of the Church School and a trustee of local charities.

Mr. Solly was predeceased by his wife about 18 months ago. He leaves one son, who is serving in the R.A.F., and two daughters.

The funeral took place at Birchington on Friday.

HOME GUARD BEAT POLICE

In a ·22 rifle competition between D Company, No. 6 Batt. Kent Home Guard and Ramsgate Borough Police at Willson's-road Drill Hall on Wednesday the Home Guard won by 601 to 593.

The scores were:

Home Guard—Sergt. Treweeks 92, Corpl. Speakman 91, L/Corpl. Wale 91, Vr. Readman 86, Corpl. Bolton 82, Vr. Wood 81, Sergt. Nicholls 79, Vr. Williams 79.

Police—Sergt. Jenner 96, D/C Oram 87, W/R/C Doyle 82, S/C Page 80, S/C Fearn 68, W/R/C Reynolds 67, W/R/C Beach 59, Inspr. Fittall 54.

WAR-TIME DIFFICULTIES

TRIBUTE TO LIFEBOAT OFFICIALS

A tribute to the war-time work of the branch officials of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is paid by the Secretary, Lieut.-Col. C. R. Satterthwaite, O.B.E., in a letter to Mr. Thomas H. Dutton, hon. secretary of the Ramsgate branch.

"I find it difficult adequately to express my gratitude and admiration for the way in which you, your branch officials and helpers have continued to work for the lifeboat service during the second year of the war in the face of the many difficulties and perplexities that have beset the people of our country," wrote Col. Satterthwaite.

"The support so freely given by personal service and contributions is a touching tribute to the heroic work of our lifeboatmen under war conditions. That work has covered many spheres, from the frequent order to 'stand-by' in anticipation of aerial combats to the unprecedented number of launches to the assistance of vessels and aircraft. The lifeboat service has in fact become an essential part of the great war organisation all round our coasts, its task, as always, being the saving of life.

"Remembering how vital to our interests is the protection of our ships and the men who man them, the importance of the work of the lifeboat service to the national effort will be even more readily appreciated when it is realised that the great majority of the lives rescued during the war have been those of seamen, saved to continue their magnificent services to our country at this time.

"All this is the result of the devotion of our honorary officials and workers and the generosity of the public.

"The evidence of so much goodness in the face of so much that is evil is a source of inspiration and encouragement for which we are proud and deeply grateful."

OUR ALLIES

A DAY IN RUSSIA AT KING'S

"A Day in Soviet Russia," with a commentary by that lively American, Quentin Reynolds, heads the bill at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

On 24th August, 1940—a significant day for Ramsgate people—97 cameramen in all sections of the Soviet Union went into action to shoot this unique screen panorama. While one, taking shots on the Black Sea coast, was perspiring in what amounted to tropical heat, another, thousands of kilometers away, was struggling in fur coat and fur-lined boots through deep snowdrifts on the shore of the Arctic Ocean. It was a busy day for the cameramen. They went down mines, visited factory departments and rehearsals in theatres. The total result is a grand film. Also being screened is "Power Dive," with Richard Arlen and Jean Parker.

The fight against racketeers provides the basis of "The Get-Away," which will head the bill for the second part of the week. It deals with the adventures of a young detective who enters a penitentiary as a convict to gain the confidence of a gang leader, helps him in a sensational escape, finally locates the headquarters of his gang, which are raided, and, when the gangster escapes, trails and corners him in a crowded city. Robert Sterling, Charles Winninger and Donna Reed head the cast. The supporting programme will include "Girls Under 21," with Bruce Cabot, Rochelle Hudson and Paul Kelly.

The Rev. W. F. France, acting secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, has been appointed an honorary canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

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MARGATE

Died of Wounds.—L/Corpl. William Jeffries, eldest son of the former licensee of the Spreadeagle Hotel, Victoria-road, Margate, died recently from bullet wounds received in an accident. He was serving with the Green Howards. L/Corpl. Jeffries, who was 24 years of age, attended St. John's School, Margate, and afterwards worked for a firm of motor engineers in the town. His younger brother lost his life while serving on H.M. destroyer Duchess, which was sunk in the early months of the war.

MINSTER

Warship Week.—Minster has selected the week 13th-20th December for its Warship Week.

Car in Collision.—A car driven by Mr. Thomas Henry Setterfield, of The Cherries, Monkton-road, Minster, was involved in a collision with a motor cycle driven by a despatch rider near the top of Thorn-hill last week. The motor cyclist was taken to Ramsgate General Hospital suffering from slight injuries but was discharged shortly afterwards. The offside wing of the car was damaged and the tool box wrenched off.

MAYOR'S FUND FLAG DAY

Generous support is anticipated for the flag day to be held at Ramsgate on Saturday on behalf of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund.

The Comforts Fund is the only fund which can meet local needs. Through the hard work of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) in building up the fund, Christmas presents of 120 cigarettes each have been sent to Ramsgate prisoners of war and warm clothing, cigarettes and comforts have been sent to local men serving with H.M. Forces.

Through the fund troops in the district are provided with dart boards and other forms of amusement and the Mayor's concert party is able to visit gun sites to give entertainment to the men in out of the way places.

THE NATION NEEDS WASTE PAPER—SAVE IT

WAR DAMAGE CONCESSIONS

SUCCESS OF JOINT THANET ACTION

Two important points have been established as a result of the action of a joint committee representing the three Thanet towns which has had under consideration the hardship caused to many people in the district by War Damage Act contributions.

The first point is that the Collector of Taxes has received instructions to accept instalments or to agree to postpone payment in suitable cases, and the second is that any deferment of contributions will not affect the right to payment in the event of damage being sustained owing to war operations.

Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, met the representatives of the three towns in conference at Broadstairs on Saturday when consideration was given to a letter from Capt. Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

As the two points referred to above appear to have been established, the Joint Committee agreed that it would be unwise at this stage to press any sectional interests affected, but rather to await the result of the working of the method of collection of contributions in cases of hardship.

The whole matter will be kept under review by the Joint Committee and the Member of Parliament, who will continue to work in close co-operation and assist in any special difficult cases.

The resolution passed by the Joint Committee, which was forwarded to the Treasury, asked that, in view of the prevalent distress and the many cases of hardship arising in evacuation areas, contributions under the War Damage Act should be allowed to stand over so long as the Inland Revenue Department was satisfied that there was an inability to make such payments or that hardship would arise if the payments were made, and that any person liable should have the right to submit a claim for deferment of collection of contributions. It was further suggested that provision should be made that people should continue to be insured although payments had been deferred and that the amount of any deferred contributions should, until paid, become a first charge on the property and have priority over all statutory or other charges.

Consideration and Fairness.

Forwarding a copy of the resolution to Capt. Balfour, Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to Broadstairs Council, who is also acting as clerk to the Joint Committee, stated:

"The Joint Committee is satisfied that there does not exist any effective machinery for dealing with the matter other than by postponing the payments after the circumstances of the applicant have been fully considered by the Inspector of Taxes."

In a letter to Capt. Balfour, Capt. Crookshank referred to an assurance given to Parliament by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the Inland Revenue Department would show consideration and fairness in all cases of hardship.

"In accordance with that assurance," Capt. Crookshank stated, "steps have been taken to ensure that the Collector of Taxes, whose duty it is to collect the contributions, will deal sympathetically with cases of hardship, and will be prepared, on the facts being put before him, to accept payment by way of instalments or to allow payment to stand over for the time being as the circumstances of the particular case may require. I feel, therefore, and I hope you will agree, that adequate provision had been made to secure the object which the conference (of the Thanet towns) had in view."

Capt. Crookshank added that the contribution was not a charge for insurance in the ordinary sense, and the protection which the scheme afforded was not affected by postponement of collection in a particular case.

Three Towns Get Together.

At Monday's meeting of Broadstairs Council the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) emphasised the two points established as a result of the action of the Joint Committee. Many people had been concerned as to whether they would be compensated for damage to their property if their payments had been postponed and it had now been clearly established that they would be.

Councillor Pearson said he felt they should express their warmest thanks to Capt. Balfour for the manner in which he had dealt with the matter in the limited time at his disposal.

Councillor G. W. Lane said one pleasing feature of the joint meetings was the unanimous manner in which all three towns tackled the job. A very amicable spirit was displayed. The interests of the three towns were closely wrapped up and there were many matters which it was better they should consider jointly than individually. There had not always been the best of feeling between them in the past and he hoped the success of the meetings of the Joint Committee was an augury for the future.

Councillor H. Noble asked if the contributions due from people who were unable to pay would be excused.

Councillor Pearson replied that this was not so. It was a capital charge and not a revenue charge. Payment could not be waived. It would be suspended, either until the property was revenue-producing or the person concerned was not suffering under any hardship.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Sick Club Share-Out.—The share-out of Christ Church Sick Club, Ramsgate, will take place at the Centenary Hall, Hardres-street, on Thursday, 18th December, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Things We are Wanting to Buy.—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Anti-Gas Ointment.—In order that they may be prepared for all possible eventualities, Ramsgate citizens are strongly urged by the local authority to obtain from their chemists a small supply of anti-gas ointment No. 2, price 6d., which should always be carried with the gas-mask.

St. George's Roll of Honour.—A roll of honour of old St. Georgians who have given their lives or gained distinction on war service is being compiled by Mr. F. J. White, acting headmaster of St. George's Boys' School, Ramsgate, now established at St. Mary's School, Stafford. The Mayor of Stafford, Councillor H. Joynes, recently visited the school and thanked the staff and boys for the help they had given during Stafford War Savings Week.

If it's Advertising ring Ramsgate 1012.

AIRMAN'S WIFE ON MURDER CHARGE

DEAD BABY IN PRAM

"I have killed my child and want to give myself up."

When Mrs. Mary Hogben, aged 40, of Gordon-square, Birchington, appeared in the dock at Margate police court on Wednesday, charged with murder, it was alleged that she made the above statement when she walked up to a police officer in Birchington Square on Tuesday night pushing a perambulator.

Looking inside the perambulator, the police officer saw the dead body of Michael Frederick Hogben, aged 11 weeks.

Charged with murdering the child on Tuesday, Mrs. Hogben appeared dazed when, accompanied by the police matron, she appeared in the dock before five magistrates on the following morning.

When the Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) read the charge, Mrs. Hogben replied "Yes."

Before asking for a remand the Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, said that accused was seen pushing a perambulator in Birchington Square the previous evening. She stopped P/C Collyer, who was on duty there, and said "I have killed my child and want to give myself up." Looking into the perambulator the constable saw the body of a male child, about 11 weeks old. He detained the woman at the police box, and Dr. W. Groome, the police surgeon, who was summoned, examined the body and pronounced life extinct.

The Chief Constable added that he only proposed to call evidence of arrest before asking for a remand for a week to give him an opportunity of communicating with the Director of Public Prosecutions.

D/I Cory, Margate borough police, stated that at 11.10 the previous night he saw the accused and her husband, and the body of the baby, at the police box at Birchington. He had the body removed to the mortuary and took the accused to the police station, telling her he understood the baby was hers and that she would be detained in connection with its death. She said "I could not look after it. That is what made me do it." She then made a statement which would be given in evidence at a later stage. Witness later charged her with the murder of the child, to which she replied "I am very sorry. That is all I can say."

When the magistrates announced that she would be remanded until Wednesday next, Mrs. Hogben, who had stood motionless during the brief hearing, asked in a feeble voice "Can I go home?"

"It is better that you should not," replied the Clerk.

Permission was given to the woman's husband, who is serving in the R.A.F., to see his wife before she was sent away.

YOUNGEST OF FIVE

DEATH FROM ASPHYXIA

When the inquest was opened at Margate Town Hall on Friday into the circumstances of the death of the child, the youngest of a family of five children, Mrs. Hogben was not present.

After it had been stated that the baby died from asphyxia, the Deputy Coroner, Mr. J. H. Robinson, adjourned the inquest pending the result of the criminal proceedings.

Mr. R. G. Scott was elected foreman of the jury.

The father, L/A/C Arthur Frederick Hogben, R.A.F., who identified the body, said he last saw the child alive at home in the charge of his wife at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th November.

Dr. W. Groome, police surgeon, who made a post-mortem examination on the child on 26th November, said his findings and conclusions were contained in a report submitted to the Coroner. In his opinion the cause of death was asphyxia.

P/C Colyer, Margate borough police, said he saw the body of the child in a perambulator in Birchington Square at 10.40 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th November.

D/I Cory, Margate borough police, formally deposed that a charge of murder had been preferred against Mrs. Mary Hogben, the mother of the child.

The Coroner then adjourned the inquiry and discharged the jury.

TRADE UNION RECRUITS

THANET ACTIVITY

At the monthly meeting of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council held at Margate under the chairmanship of Mr. T. W. Eden, it was reported that the employees of the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co. Ltd. had become members of the Broadstairs branch of the National Union of Municipal and General Workers.

The secretary, Mr. D. M. Hughes, reported that the employees of the East Kent Road Car Co. Ltd. had also accepted union conditions.

A letter from the Ministry of Food called for a report on the provision and extension of communal feeding facilities, particularly in regard to the need for morning and evening meals for workers in the heavy industries.

The secretary reported that progress was being made in regard to the Firemen's Charter and Mr. Eden reported on the recent visit to a meeting of the Local Pensions Committee of the chief officer of the S.E. Region.

An appeal for help for Russia resulted in promises of support.

A message of sympathy was sent to the branch treasurer, Mr. Watson, who had met with an accident.

A LEAD IN RECONSTRUCTION

The Kent County Council have suggested to Broadstairs Council that, when any permanent rebuilding is contemplated on the sites of the Public Library and other municipal buildings at the Broadway, allowance should be made for a good line of vision for St. Peter's Park-road and Station Approach-road.

It is further suggested that the existing access near the Station Approach could, with advantage, be placed in St. Peter's Park-road.

Broadstairs Council have promised to give consideration to these views.

They agree with the County Council that a strip of garden should be acquired for road widening when rebuilding takes place at Templemore, St. Peter's-road.

BLAZED THE TRAIL

LADY READING'S TRIBUTE TO THANET W.V.S.

Visiting Thanet on Monday the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services, paid high tribute to the women who blazed the trail and set an example to the rest of the country during the Battle of Britain.

Lady Reading also announced that the W.V.S. would shortly be sending a modern mobile canteen to Ramsgate.

Accompanied by Lady Worsley, W.V.S. regional administrator, the Hon. Mrs. Petherick, county organiser, Miss Tower, county assistant organiser, and Lady Hambro, Sandwich centre organiser, Lady Reading first visited Ramsgate, where she was welcomed at Clarendon House by the members of the local branch headed by Mrs. Edith C. Blinko, centre organiser, and Mrs. Morgan, centre deputy organiser.

After being introduced to other well-wishers, headed by the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe), Lady Reading said that in this part of the country almost more than anywhere else the women had made the badge of the W.V.S. mean something far more than a mere bit of tin—something to respect and believe in.

Three years ago the W.V.S. movement was unknown but to-day they had enrolled 1,020,000 women who were proud to give their lives for the badge they wore. Although their work was voluntary they had pledged themselves, in accepting the badge, even unto death.

Praise for Fat—and Thin.

Declaring that people overseas had been strengthened in their belief in the good temper and splendid spirit of the women of Great Britain by the work of the W.V.S., Lady Reading said an American reporter had suggested to her that it was the fatty tissues covering their nerves that enabled the women to stand up so well to bombs, but, as she had pointed out to him, the skinny women had done just as well.

Lady Reading said she knew that, although even greater trials might lie ahead, the women of Thanet would remain resolute and determined because they belonged to a part of the coast that had already set a precedent to every other part of the country. They had blazed a trail during the Battle of Britain and they would go on showing the world the same calm, courageous front. Whatever happened they would stand firm.

Congratulating the members of the Ramsgate centre upon the splendid work they had done in the past, Lady Reading quoted a chief constable in the Midlands who said he thought the letters W.V.S. stood for "Work Very Satisfactory."

After exchanging views in conversation with the workers, Lady Reading paid a visit to the British Restaurant at Ellington and also inspected a large quantity of clothing received by the centre from the American Red Cross for distribution to bombed families in case of need.

Lunch at Broadstairs.

Proceeding to Broadstairs, Lady Reading and the county officers were accompanied on a tour of inspection by Mrs. B. J. Pearson, centre organiser.

Expressing complete satisfaction with all she had seen, Lady Reading congratulated the members on the manner in which the organisation had grown.

Before leaving Broadstairs, Lady Reading lunched at the British Restaurant in company with Councillor and Mrs. Pearson, Councillor B. Humphrey, chairman of the British Restaurant Committee, and Mrs. Humphrey, assistant organiser of the local W.V.S.

In reply to a welcome by Councillor Pearson, who assured her the efforts of the local W.V.S. would be continued in the interests of all concerned, Lady Reading paid tribute not only to the work of the members but also to the arrangements in operation at the restaurant, which she thought left nothing to be desired.

Lady Reading afterwards inspected a canteen presented to the Broadstairs centre which was in charge of Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Honour.

Homes for Bombed at Margate.

At Margate in the afternoon Lady Reading inspected the W.V.S. centre, where there was a display of work by members, the rest centre and British Restaurant. She also opened two houses in Osborne-terrace which have been completely furnished by members of the W.V.S. and friends to provide temporary homes for bombed-out families.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH LOSS

DEATH OF MR. C. T. SALMON

Superintendent of St. Mark's Church Sunday School, Northwood, for over 30 years, Mr. Charles Thomas Salmon, formerly of 22 Anns-road, Ramsgate, died at Clevedon, Somerset, on Friday, aged 72 years.

In addition to his long service as superintendent of St. Mark's Sunday School, Mr. Salmon was also an honorary lay reader and churchwarden at St. Luke's Church for many years.

Employed for 40 years as a blacksmith by Ramsgate Corporation Gas and Water Department, Mr. Salmon retired some years ago following an accident which seriously affected his health, and devoted much of his time to his garden, which was beautifully kept.

He leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss.

The funeral takes place at Clevedon to-morrow.

COMPROMISE OVER WATER CHARGE

The squabble between Margate and Broadstairs Councils over the quantity of Margate water consumed by Broadstairs during the 21 days the venturi meters were out of action has been settled in a spirit of compromise.

Margate suggested the charge should be computed on the basis of a consumption of 173,000 gallons a day. Broadstairs put forward a consumption figure of 154,000 gallons a day.

They have agreed to make the basis of consumption 163,500 gallons a day.

VISITORS ?

Mrs. Ethel F. Griffiths, of Albion-road, Birchington, was summoned at Margate police court on Wednesday for failing to keep a register of visitors.

Defendant, who did not appear, was stated to have sent a letter, but the case was adjourned for a week for her attendance.

COLD BUT HEALTHY

DR. WALKER'S TUNNEL TALK

Although the people of Ramsgate are gradually resuming the normal habit of sleeping at home there are still a large number who make use of the tunnel shelters, where conditions have improved greatly during the past year.

Nevertheles, in spite of free lighting, free sleeping accommodation, and the provision of canteen facilities, there are some who are not yet satisfied.

After Dr. J. V. Walker, the Medical Officer of Health, had given a simple, direct talk in the main tunnel on Friday, explaining how those utilising the tunnels could take further precautions to safeguard their health during the winter, he was asked by Mr. C. H. Banbury whether he considered the warmth was sufficient.

Dr. Walker replied that although they could not heat the tunnels as they would like to do, they could not expect to have everything. The tunnels provided perfect safety, but to heat them would involve the consumption of more fuel than could be spared from the war effort. The Council could only provide safety and the people using the tunnels must bring their own warm clothing.

Electric Fires Wanted.

Asked whether electric fires could be installed and a weekly charge made to cover the cost, Dr. Walker said the Council would consider any scheme submitted to them but there might be a difficulty in collecting weekly payments.

Dr. Walker added that to some extent the position would be improved by the provision of more facilities for obtaining hot water for bottles. People could sleep in cold, and even damp, climates and remain healthy provided they were warmly clad and covered.

In further reply to Mr. Banbury, Dr. Walker said it was impossible to keep chalk floors free from dust but they were doing all they could to reduce it to a minimum.

Answering another questioner, Dr. Walker agreed that empty milk bottles should not be left lying about and said the tunnel users themselves could take up that matter with the wardens, who would help them all they could.

In his earlier remarks Dr. Walker had said that the tunnels were in very good order to-day thanks largely to the assistance and co-operation of the people using them and the provision of cubicles by the Council.

Pointing out that disease germs hated sunshine and fresh air, Dr. Walker said they had plenty of fresh air in the tunnels but they could not provide the sunshine, so it was necessary to be extra careful to avoid infection and prevent epidemics such as they had after the last war. Particularly he emphasised the importance of using a handkerchief when coughing or sneezing.

Councillor J. Martin presided at the meeting and Councillor Dr. D. P. Crawford will introduce Dr. Walker when he gives another talk next Friday evening.

THOSE PANZERS

WHERE THE NAZIS GOT THE IDEA

Famous for his travel talks, in which George—his bicycle—plays a leading role, Mr. Bernard Newman will give an illustrated lecture on the subject of spies at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, to-morrow afternoon.

It is to Mr. Newman that the Germans appear to be indebted for their notorious Panzer Divisions. The idea of such mechanised forces, together with the use of parachutists in modern warfare was first conceived in Mr. Newman's book "The Cavalry Went Through."

It became known that a consignment of the book in question actually found its way to German military headquarters, and it was significant that suddenly Mr. Newman found himself held in great esteem in Germany.

Possibly the Nazis held hopes that he might contribute still more ideas for the benefit of their military might. But Mr. Newman became the soul of discretion, despite the fact that each spring, for a number of years, he was sent a ticket entitling him to free travel on all German railways.

THE HERITAGE OF THE YOUNG

"Real education has never been confined to the five-hour period spent in school five days in the week," said Alderman W. C. Redman when he was re-elected chairman of Margate Education Committee on Friday.

"In future we shall have to look upon it as beginning in the nursery school and continuing past the school leaving age of 14 or 15 right through the adolescent stage. The heritage we have bequeathed to our young people to-day is a world of turmoil and trouble and it is our duty to see that these young people are as well equipped for their task as we can make them.

"We have a big job of work on hand. Fortunately we are well equipped in the way of buildings and I believe that your keenness and enthusiasm for the work will ensure a square deal for our children and young people."

Alderman Redman also announced that a Youth Centre was to be established at New Cross-street School by the Kent Education Committee as part of the youth movement of the county.

Councillor F. J. Cornford was re-elected vice-chairman of the committee.

GIRL DENIES PLEASURE VISIT

Owing to the illness of a police officer, Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a week the case in which Marjorie Powell, aged 22, factory hand, of Cudmore-road, Gnosall, Staffordshire, was summoned for entering a defence area for the purpose of pleasure, contrary to the Defence Regulations, on 18th October.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) asked that the case should be adjourned for a week as Sergt. Files, who was to have given evidence, was suffering from influenza.

It was stated that defendant was residing in the town.

OCTOBER LOSS ON RESTAURANT

During October the net loss on Broadstairs British Restaurant was increased by £20 to £50, although 3,326 meals at 8d., 293 at 4d. and 1,317 teas were served.

The charge for meals was increased to 9d. (adults) and 5d. (children) on 17th November.

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BROADSTAIRS

Arts and Crafts Jewellers, Broadstairs.—Unique pre-war stock and prices, on sale 28th November—Christmas. Re-threading.

Poppy Day Increase.—The Poppy Day total at Broadstairs has been increased by church collections to £79 17s. 5d.

Not Travelling.—Broadstairs will not be represented at the annual meeting of the Travel and Industrial Association in London on Tuesday.

Flags to Aid Russia.—Permission to hold a flag day in aid of Mrs. Churchill's Aid to Russia Fund on 13th December has been granted by Broadstairs Council.

Selling a Dust Van.—Broadstairs Council have accepted an offer of £50 made by Mr. W. Gore, of Ramsgate, for one of the Council's horse-drawn dust carts.

Retaining Rent.—T. Wall and Son Ltd. have agreed to pay Broadstairs Council £20 a year to retain the tenancy of the Joss Bay refreshment pavilion.

Wage Increase.—The basic wage payable by Broadstairs Council to Mr. A. Gilham, storekeeper at the Town Yard, has been increased from £3 13s. to £4 4s. a week.

Death of Mrs. Brooke Mockett.—The death occurred at Prescott House, Ealing, last week of Mrs. Blanche Marion Mockett, widow of Mr. Brooke Mockett, of St. Peter's and Ossor Estate, Mysore, India.

Invested in War Bonds.—A sum of £800, part of the balance standing to the credit of the superannuation account of Broadstairs Council, has been invested in 2½ per cent. War Bonds 1949/51.

Compensation.—Broadstairs Council have agreed to accept £300 in settlement of a claim for compensation in respect of the removal of several huts from the various bays.

Surveyor's Clerk.—Mrs. C. Glendenning, temporary correspondence clerk in the Surveyor's Department of Broadstairs Council, has been designated temporary general clerk at a salary at the rate of £3 a week.

Mothers' Union.—The Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union (Mrs. Reeves-Moore) addressed a meeting of enrolling members at Holy Trinity Rectory, Broadstairs, on Thursday.

Ambulance Driver Wanted.—Applications are invited before Monday, 8th December, by the Medical Officer of Health, Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs, for a male ambulance driver in the Civil Defence service at a wage of £3 10s. a week.

The Week's Savings.—National Savings in Broadstairs last week amounted to £454. The sum was made up of £144 in Savings Certificates and an increase of £310 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Naval Wedding.—Only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Neeves, formerly of Broadstairs, Petty Officer John W. Neeves, R.N., was married recently at St. Mark's Church, Gillingham. His bride was Miss Georgina Knowles, daughter of Mr. G. Knowles, of Gillingham. The bride is serving in the W.R.N.S.

Reading Street Whist.—Winners at a whist drive held at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street, at which the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith was M.C., were Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bendall, Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Strevens, Mrs. Christmas and Mrs. Green. A competition was won by Mr. Lawrence.

Old Comrades.—At the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Rose Inn, prizes were distributed by Mrs. Pointer to Mr. Carey, Mr. Admans, Mrs. Strevens, Mr. Strathfield, Mr. Lawrence and the M.C., Shipmate E. Thirkettle. Mrs. Jones won a special prize.

Sunday Film Censors.—Councillors B. J. Pearson, E. K. Minter and F. Foster have been appointed to examine the synopses of all films of A category booked for exhibition at Broadstairs on Sundays during the coming year, with power "to approve, or otherwise, of the exhibition of such films as they may deem expedient."

Oddfellow's Death.—Following an illness lasting only a few days, Mr. William Goodwin, formerly of Broadstairs, passed away at Hounslow recently at the age of 41 years. For many years Mr. Goodwin was employed by Hemstead's Dairies, Broadstairs, but left to take up an accountancy post. He was a member of the Loyal Perseverance Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F and having held the office of elective secretary, passed through the chair. He was a certificated auditor of the Order. Mr. Goodwin leaves a widow and one son

SECOND WARRANT FOR HUSBAND

For the second time within a few weeks Ramsgate magistrates on Monday issued a warrant for the arrest of Cecil Maurice Cayzer, of Hamilton-road, Sidcup.

There was an adjourned summons against Cayzer for being £57 in arrear under a maintenance order in favour of his wife and two children.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said when defendant appeared on warrant before the magistrates on 3rd November the case was adjourned on the understanding that he would pay £2 a week—30s. on account of the order and 10s. off the arrears. He had heard nothing from defendant since he was last in court.

TWO WOMEN FINED

Three people—two women and a man—were summoned at Ramsgate police court on Monday for committing a nuisance contrary to public decency in Charlotte-passage on 22nd November.

Defendants were Mrs. Selina Sayer, aged 38, of James-street, Mrs. Dorothy Ethel Brown, aged 42, of Carlton-avenue, and Frederick Pettingell, aged 48, engineman on a drifter.

P/C Davis said in the case of Mrs. Sayer the offence was committed within about 20 feet of a public lavatory, which was open at the time. Defendants came from a nearby public-house.

The officer said he had to run after Pettingell, who said "All right, I will give up."

The women were each fined 10s., and Pettingell, who said he had only been in the town a fortnight, was fined £1.

CAPTIVE OLD BOYS REMEMBERED

The current issue of "Ruym," magazine of Chatham House Boys' School, Ramsgate, announces that it is proposed to send occasional parcels to 16 Old Ruymians who are now known to be prisoners of war.

The Christmas number of the East Cliff (Ramsgate) Scouts' Magazine states that postal orders for 10s. each have been sent to the relatives of all the old members of the troop who are prisoners of war, with a request that they should include in their next parcels some special "want" as a slight token of remembrance from the members and friends of the troop.

Incidentally two of the Scout prisoners of war—W. Heydon and L. Bowley—have met in Germany and played football together.

MINER AND THE PLUMS

Ramsgate magistrates on Monday decided to issue a warrant for the arrest of Wilfred Howard Cleaves, aged 21, a miner, of Huntington, Stafford, who was summoned for stealing 12lbs. of plums, value 7s. 6d., the property of Ernest Hogben, on 11th September.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said defendant should have appeared in court on 17th November but failed to do so. He wrote to defendant and told him that if he did not appear at the adjourned hearing a warrant for his arrest would be issued. His letter had not been returned and he had not heard anything from defendant.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said defendant was seen by the police at Cannock and told that if he did not attend court in person that morning a warrant would probably be issued.

Mr. Knight: I was even more definite than that.

THE GARDEN HOSE !

At a meeting held at Minster to enrol volunteers for fire guard parties Mr. F. Worley complained that stirrup pumps had been delivered without nozzles, which rendered them useless.

Councillor G. M. Norton: I know for a fact that stirrup pumps have been used for watering gardens and that is how nozzles have been lost.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," Church-hill, Ramsgate, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Allen.—24th November, at Larkspur, Rutland-gardens, Birchington, the wife of L. G. H. Allen, of a son.

Hewitt.—27th November, at Ruislip, to Gwen, wife of Corpl. Aubrey E. Hewitt, R.A.F., a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Griffin—Martin.—24th November, at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, Henry George Griffin, R.A.S.C., to Kathleen Violet Martin, both of Margate.

Harris—Harman.—24th November, at SS. Austin and Gregory, Margate, Kenneth Harris, of Redruth, Cornwall, to Joan Edith Harman, of Margate.

Musselwhite—Noble.—22nd November, at Ramsgate, Stanley Neville Musselwhite, of Garlinge, to Irene Freda Melville Noble, of Margate.

Sharp—Wood.—24th November, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Arthur Herbert Sharp to Joan Wood, both of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Larkins.—23rd November, at Ramsgate General Hospital, Charles George Larkins, aged 81 years.

Mockett.—27th November, at Prescott House, Ealing, Blanche Marion Mockett, of St. Peter's, Broadstairs, and Ossor Estate, Mysore, India.

Solly.—24th November, at the Acorn Inn, Birchington, Charles Edwin Solly, aged 76 years.

Salmon.—28th November, at Southbourne House, 8 Kenn-road, Clevedon, Somerset, and formerly of 22 Anns-road, Ramsgate, Charles Thomas, dearly loved husband of Bessie Salmon, after many years of suffering patiently borne, aged 72 years.

Wood.—18th November, at Chartham, Alfred George Wood, late of Broadstairs, aged 61 years. Buried at Gravesend.

RETURN THANKS

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